



Guidelines: Mental Health Response

It is always helpful to:

- Refer student to the appropriate staff member.
- Describe in specific terms what you have observed.
- Be cautious and sensitive in speaking with parents.
- Notify school administration and follow established guidelines.

If student has already harmed self/others:

- Make sure that 911 and the parent/ guardian are called.
- Notify school administration and follow established guidelines.

When there is no threat of harm to self/others:

Meet with parent/guardian and describe in neutral, specific terms what the "red flags" are. *Do not label or diagnose*. Simply list behaviors. Provide a parent support pamphlet. See school guidelines for more information.

If student threatens harm to self/others:

Make sure the parent/guardian is called. The contact person should explain that to ensure the youth's safety, it is essential for a mental health professional to assess the level of risk.

Where the student should receive care:

- Determine if student has a mental health provider. If so, have the parent contact provider immediately. If a Release of Information form was signed, then school personnel may contact the provider.
- If there is no mental health provider, refer parent to Rescue Mental Health Services or the nearest emergency room.

Release student to the parent and document what was recommended, and what action the parent was planning to take. Tell the parent/guardian you would like to discuss the child's status when it has stabilized to ensure that the child will be safe in returning to school.

Mental Health Care Providers Serving Youth

Catholic Charities

1933 Spielbusch Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43624 Phone: 419-244-6711

Fax: 419-244-4860

www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org

Connecting Point

1212 Cherry St. Toledo, Ohio 43608

Phone: 419-243-6326 Fax: 419-243-6346

www.connectingpoint.org

Family Service of NW Ohio

One Stranahan Square, Suite 414

Toledo, Ohio 43604 Phone: 419-244-5511 Fax: 419-321-6459

Harbor Behavioral Healthcare

4334 Secor Road Toledo, Ohio 43623 Phone: 419-475-4449

Fax: 419-479-3230 www.harbor.org

Lutheran Social Services of NW Ohio

2149 Collingwood Blvd. Toledo, Ohio 43620 Phone: 419-243-9178

Fax: 419-243-4450

Medical College of Ohio (MCO)

3000 Arlington Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43614 Phone: 419-383-4000 Fax: 419-383-3031 www.mco.edu

Rescue Mental Health Services

3350 Collingwood Blvd. Toledo, Ohio 43610 Phone: 419-255-9585 Fax: 419-255-2801

Unison Behavioral Health Group

544 E. Woodruff Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43624 Phone: 419-242-9577 Fax: 419-321-6913

More Info = More Support

For more information, call **419-213-4600** or visit the Lucas County Mental Health Board Web site:

www.lucascountymhb.org

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) of Greater Toledo is a great resource for families and educators. For information, call **419-243-1119** or visit the NAMI Web site:

www.namitoledo.org

